



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: June 24, 2008

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Environmental Services Division, Finance Department

SUBJECT: Request For Change Order To Engel And Gray Composting Contract
For The Pilot Foodscrap Recovery And Composting Program

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council authorize the General Services Manager to modify professional services agreement (Purchase Order No. 376099) with Engel and Gray, for an increase of \$20,000 and a new total amount not to exceed \$42,000.

DISCUSSION:

In April, 2008 the City's Pilot Foodscrap Recovery and Composting Program surpassed one year of operation with marked success, resulting in the diversion of over 200,000 pounds of foodscraps from landfill disposal. The eleven participants of the Pilot program include Cottage Hospital, Santa Barbara City College, the Santa Barbara Zoo, several restaurants and coffee shops, all of whom receive foodscrap collection services free of charge from Allied Waste Services. Engel and Gray Inc. (E&G) transports the foodscraps to their regional compost facility immediately to the south of the City of Santa Maria. E&G is the only permitted commercial composting facility in the county that is capable of processing foodscraps, and one of only 15 such facilities in the State of California. In addition to helping satisfy the City Council's stated goal of 70% diversion by 2010 and being the recycling leader of California, the compost created from the foodscraps collected in this program creates a valuable soil amendment that is utilized by numerous businesses and residents on the South Coast.

The Foodscrap Recovery and Composting Program was originally scheduled to go from the pilot phase to a full-scale collection service available to all City businesses in July 2008. As part of the Solid Waste Action Plan approved by City Council on March 11, 2008, the business sector-wide launch date was delayed until January 2009 so that appropriate collection rates to be charged by the City's franchised haulers could be developed concurrent with the implementation of the City's new utility billing system.

The original purchase order amount of \$22,000 coincided with the expected completion date of June 2008. This change order will allow the Pilot Program to continue uninterrupted until the business foodscrap collection program is launched in January, 2009.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

The needed funds for this change order have been budgeted in the Fiscal Year 2009 Solid Waste Fund budget.

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APPROVED BY: City Administrator's Office